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JAO Shu-shih left Shanghai in February and had not returned by 14 April. During his absence TS'ENG Shan (曾山) is acting chairman of the East China Military and Administrative Committee and T'AN Chen-ling (谭震林) is acting first secretary of the East China Bureau and commissar of the 3 Field Army.

Comment. he went to Manchuria on a comfort mission to the 3 Field Army troops there. It is possible that he intends to visit the USSR for a two months' study of the government and administration of the USSR and of the Soviet Republics.

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